REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 10, 11, 13, 14, 17 and 18 remain in this application. Claims 10 has been amended.

The above Office Action states that applicants never submitted FIG. 5, and applicants are required to further a drawing under 37 C.F.R. §1.81(c). In response, applicants hereby submit FIG. 5, and support for this drawing is provided at page 22, line 30, through page 23, line 2, of the specification, in which U.S. Patent Application No. 09/141,485, entitled Telecommunication System and Methods Therefor, filed August 27, 1998, is incorporated by reference. Approval of the accompanying drawing sheet is respectfully requested.

Claims 10, 11, 13, 14, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The above Office Action also indicates that claims 10, 11, 13, 14, 17 and 18 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In response, independent claim 10 is hereby amended to over 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection and is now in condition for allowance. Likewise, claims 11, 13, 14, 17 and 18 which depend from independent claim 10 are also in condition for allowance for the same reasons. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection or claims 10, 11, 13, 14, 17 and 18 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. Also, no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any additional fees arising as a result of this response, including any fees for Extensions of Time, or any other communication from or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2117.

It is submitted that the claims clearly define the invention, are supported by the specification and drawings, and are in a condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have any

questions or concerns that may expedite prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

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